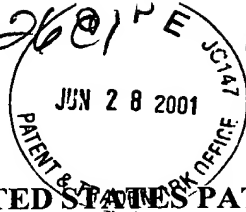


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Title: METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING THE IDENTITY OF A CALLING SUBSCRIBER
TO A CALLED SUBSCRIBER IN A MOBILE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2001, reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-10 are pending.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 3-5, and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brochu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,711,006, hereafter "Brochu"), in view of Alperovich (U.S. Patent 6,078,804). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection because the combined teachings of Brochu and Alperovich fail to disclose, teach, or suggest all the features of the claimed invention.

For example, the combination of Brochu and Alperovich fails to disclose, teach, or suggest a method of transmitting an identity of a calling subscriber to a called subscriber in a mobile communication system, the method including "transmitting the identity of subscriber A to the switching center associated with the subscriber B via signaling which meets at least one of the following conditions: wherein the signaling occurs over a path different from the speech connection; and wherein the signaling occurs at a time prior to call set-up between the subscribers A and B," as recited in claims 1, 3-5 and 7-10. (With minor variations for readability made to the above quoted passage in claim 10 and its corresponding dependent claims.)

Although the Office Action admitted that Brochu fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all the features of the rejected claims, the Office Action asserted that it would have been obvious

to modify the teachings of Brochu, based on Alperovich, to transmit subscriber specified data to a switching center before routing an emergency call setup request signal and then route the emergency call to the appropriate emergency team.

However, Alperovich merely discloses that “[b]efore routing an emergency call setup request signal received from a mobile subscriber toward a particular emergency service terminal, subscriber specified data associated with that particular subscriber are retrieved.” (Abstract, lines 1-4; emphasis added.) More specifically, the claimed subject matter requires that the subscribers A and B are subscribers in a mobile communication system. (Claim 1, lines 2-3.) However, the emergency service terminal referred to in Alperovich is not a subscriber in a mobile communication system. Thus, because the emergency service terminal is not a subscriber in a mobile communication system, Alperovich does not remedy the deficiencies of Brochu.

Further, the Alperovich fails to remedy the deficiencies of Brochu because Alperovich fails to disclose, teach or suggest transmitting the identity of subscriber A to the switching center associated with the subscriber B via signaling which meets at least one of the following conditions: wherein the signaling occurs over a path different from the speech connection; and wherein the signaling occurs at a time prior to call set-up between the subscribers A and B. There is no disclosure, teaching or suggestion regarding the signaling occurring during transmission of the identity. Therefore, the combined teachings of Brochu nor Alperovich fail to disclose all of the features of the claimed invention. Thus, claims 1, 3-5 and 7-10 are allowable, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is traversed, and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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